(b) (1) Rs. 18,643-12-3 including value of missing logs found out after verification of the balance stock.

(2) Out of the amount of Rs. 18,643-12-3 Rs. 12,331-12-3 was remitted partly by the original defaulters, partly by the Forester and partly by his sureties and the balance sum of Rs. 6,312 was eliminated.

(e) (1) Four.

(2) (i) Messrs. Mugaseth and sons, (ii) Mr. T. Achyutan, (iii) Mr. T. Govindan and (iv) Mr. V. K. Ammunni Menon.

(3) No. (i) from the South Indian Railway Company and the rest from the Forest Department.

(d) (i) Yes (ii) Mr. T. R. Ramanatha Ayyar, 2. Mr. T. K. Augustine 3. Mr. K. V. Joseph and 4. Mr. T. Achyutan (a portion only). (iii) 1. No. 1 vacated the area on his own accord on 1-5-1102.

2. By relinquishment by the death of the party with effect from 1-4-1103.

3. On his own accord on 23-1-1105.

4. Do do on 1-1-1106.

Education Department.

268. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state an approximate sum of money that is saved by the Government by the introduction of

(1) the half-time system,

(2) the fixing the minimum strenth of a class,

(3) the fixing the maximum strength of a class,

(4) the practice of allowing the school to be opened before formally giving sanction of recognition and grant?

Mr I. N Menon.—(1) About Rs. 40,000.

(2) Rs. 2,080.

(3) Rs. 2,300.

(4) Nearly Rs. 20,000.

(The figures relate to the year 1105.)

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know whether the department is aware that the efficiency of education is going down according to the half-time system?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The system, I would like to inform the Member, was adopted as a financial exigency rendered by the rapid advance in education and to a certain extent the expansion of education has to be sacrificed in respect of intensity of work. The half-time system was bound to be of some hardship and a certain lowering of efficiency.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know whether the Government is aware that the half-time system was tried in Travancore and it was stopped afterwards?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—The department is aware that it has been tried and stopped and there is nothing to prevent this being stopped except finance.

Teak plantation—Parlikad.

269. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state·—

(a) when the Parlikad Teak Plantation near Vadakkancheri was planted ;

(b) what is the amount spent upon its up-keep annually for the last four years ;

(c) is the undergrowth in the plantation cleaned from time to time, when was the same done last;

(d) were not the remnants of the dead body of a human being in decaying condition recovered from this plantation by the Vadakkancheri Police in the month of Kanni 1106 ;

(e) is there any special establishment attached to this plantation ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) There is no Teak Plantation at Parlikad.

(b) to (e). In view of the above reply these do not arise.

Well in Pullazhi Village.

270. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there was not a petition in 1102 from the Ezhuthassan community of Pullazhi Village for giving them a well in Sy. No. 669 of the said village ;

(b) whether anything has been done in the matter as yet?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Enquiry was made. The site selected was not found to be suitable and therefore it was abandoned. The question of providing a well for the petitioners is being considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Sub-division (b). 'The site selected was not found to be suitable'. When was that ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I want notice.

Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government come to any conclusion with regard to the question of providing a well ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Not yet.

Tank in Chevoor Village.

271. Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there was not a petition from the inhabitants of Chevoor Village praying for a tank for bathing purposes in Sy. No. 104 of the said village ;

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